

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BEXP, SU

SUBJ: GROUND BREAKING FOR EARTH SATELLITE STATION (ESS)

REF: KHARTOUM 1908

1. PRESIDENT NIMEIRI IN PRESENCE MAJORITY CABINET, DIPLOMATIC CORPS AND OTHER DIGNITARIES AS WELL AS SMALL BUT ENTHUSIASTIC CROWD OF LOCAL CITIZENRY "BROKE GROUND" SEPT 13 FOR ESS TO BE BUILT BY NORTHROP-PAGE (N-P) (REFTEL). AMERICAN PRESENCE AND ROLE GIVEN FULL CREDIT BY SEATING OF CHARGE AND N-P VICE PRES. D.A.L. HUGHES A PLACES OF HONOR ALONGSIDE NIMEIRI, VP BAGHIR, AND MIN TRANS AND COMMO BASHIR ABBADI. DURING REMARKS ABBADI THANKED THE "BIG AMERICAN CONSORTIUM" (I.E. N-P AND EXIM) FOR ITS COOPERATION AND PRAISED KUWAIT FOR ITS \$3.5 MILLION LOAN FOR PROJECT.

2. COMMENT: GROUND BREAKING INITIALLY SCHEDULED FOR SEPT 10 OR 11 AS PART OF STATE VISIT EMIR OF KUWAIT. WITH POSTPONEMENT THAT VISIT, THERE SOME DOUBT WHETHER CEREMONY WOULD TAKE PLACE.  
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WE HAVE CONFIRMED DECISION TO PROCEED MADE AS PART OF DELIBERATE

EFFORT FOLLOWING CRISIS OF PAST TWO WEEKS TO DEMONSTRATE TO PUBLIC  
AND DIPLOMATIC CORPS THAT GOVERNMENT PROCEEDING AS USUAL AND  
THAT IT IS TAKING STEPS TO MODERNIZE AND DEVELOP COUNTRY.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBARGO ON ESS ELEMENT US BUSINESS  
SUCCESES REPORTED REFTEL NOW LIFTED. WE BELIEVE RECOMMENDATION  
MADE REFTEL THAT SUITABLE PUBLICITY BE GIVEN TO THIS AND OTHER  
AMERICAN BUSINESS SUCCESES IN SUDAN IS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT  
AS BALANCING FACTOR FOLLOWING INTERNATIONAL PRESS ATTENTION TO  
RECENT POLITICAL DISTURBANCES IN SUDAN.  
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